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SUBJECT: SWIFT PATROL BOATS FOR LEBANON

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1. INDECISIVENESS HAS BEEN THE HALLMARK BY LEBANESE
PN PURCHASE OF PATROL CARFT FOR PAST 2-1/2 YEARS.
2. SWIFT SHIPS CORPORATION ENTRY IN PROBABLY
RESULT OF LEBANESE DEPUTY WHO HAS PRESENTED HIMSELF TO
DAO AS LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SWIFT SHIPS.
3. DATT PRESENTED USG TO GENERAL GHANEM
PERSONALLY 26 JUL. GHANEM WAS SO OVERWHELMED AT
PRICE TAG HE IS SENDING LTC. LAHOUD, CO OF NAVY, TO
INSPECT BOATS PRIOR TO HIS ATTENDING NAVAL COMMAND
COLLEGE IN NEWPORT. LAHOUD WILL INSPECT BOATS
FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST AND REPORT TO GHANEM HIS
EVALUATION.
4. IT IS OUR OPINION IF USG BOATS ARE SATIFACTORY,
GHANEM WILL USE REMAINDER OF 13 MILLION LL OBLIGATED
FOR PATROL CRAFT FOR OTHER EQUIPMENT.
5. FYI, FINEBOATS INTERNATIONAL OF MICHIGAN IS
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ALSO STRONGER BIDDER FOR PATROL CRAFT.

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